

Remarks

Independent claim 1 has been amended to further recite providing a comparison of the encrypted data with similar encrypted data in an internal memory of the microprocessor. Such step previously was included by inference and now specifically is recited. Independent claim 8 also has been amended to recite a method for protection against tampering with a motor vehicle controller in lieu of simply a “device.” It is submitted that such amendments more clearly define the invention and distinguish the same over the references of record.

The claimed invention relates to a method of protecting against the inappropriate manipulation of a motor vehicle controller which could adversely affect the operation of the vehicle. It is submitted that neither of the references to Furukawa nor Ikeda disclose or teach any such system. The Furukawa Patent clearly does not relate to the control of motor vehicle components. It relates to an image object managing technology and utilizes identifiers for entirely different purposes than in the claimed invention. In one aspect, it provides for assigning indemnifiers for different objects of an image stream, and extracting selected objects from such stream through the use of identifiers. In another aspect, Furukawa provides for assigning an encrypted identifier to an image stream to allow the copyright owner of the image stream to detect an infringement of the works. In this regard, the Examiner’s attention is invited to column 9, lines 64 through 67 and column 10, lines 1 through 4, and also column 10, lines 46 through 59. With all due respect, it is submitted that the recitations cited in the Office action are taken out of context, and simply illustrate the usage of identifiers for different purposes.

Ikeda also is submitted as not disclosing or teaching the claimed invention. It simply provides for accessing a device through the use of a card insertable in a slot of such device. It does not provide against tampering of a controller of a motor vehicle and although it provides for

the use of identifiers, it does not provide for the use of encrypted identifiers as recited in Applicants' claims.

Applicants' do not merely claim the use of identifiers but instead the use of encrypted indemnifiers for a specific use, i.e., the prevention of tampering of a program, in a specific context, i.e., the control of vehicle motor components.

In view of the foregoing, it respectfully is requested that the rejection of Applicants' claims be withdrawn, such claims be allowed and further that the application be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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